

Vacancy Announcement

Physician Specialist – Associate Medical Director

The Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health is seeking candidates with strong leadership skills to fill this vacancy in the Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC). Los Angeles County is one of the largest local jurisdictions in the U.S. and requires innovative and targeted approaches to effectively address substance use disorders (SUD) for its residents.

SAPC is a large public health division within the Department of Public Health, with an annual operating budget of over \$385 million and over 350 staff positions. It is responsible for leading and facilitating the delivery of a full spectrum of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for substance use and abuse throughout the County. SAPC has a network of approximately 150 provider agencies spread out over 400 sites across the County, and is in the process of transforming its system of care through the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver, a component of the broader 1115 Medicaid Waiver that will significantly enhance the access to and quality of publicly-funded SUD services.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Associate Medical Director position is an administrative position within the Clinical Services and Analytics Branch that will report to the SAPC Medical Director and Science Officer. In this role, the Associate Medical Director will join a highly skilled and energetic leadership team of clinicians, researchers, and administrators to help to oversee and manage one of the largest and most diverse specialty SUD systems in the nation. The Associate Medical Director will oversee the Quality Improvement and Utilization Management Unit, consisting of a multidisciplinary team of nurses, psychologists, and social workers. This position will also assist with policy and program planning and development, implementation, and special projects related to SAPC's network of care.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advise the SAPC Medical Director and Science Officer and staff on routine and one-time assignments, audits, special studies, and critical reviews of policies, procedures, medical records and clinical practices.
- Assist with the management and oversight of the Quality Improvement & Utilization Management Unit and other projects (e.g., expanding access to Medications for Addiction Treatment and naloxone, etc.) in order to help ensure that care provided within SAPC's network of care is meeting standards of practice, evidence-based, quality-focused, appropriate, and that care resources are managed appropriately.
- Provide training and technical assistance to contract providers and SAPC leadership and staff on clinical issues related to the delivery of SUD services, as needed. These topics may include: American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, evidence-based practices, Medications for Addiction Treatment, medical necessity, and other clinically related issues.
- Assist with the development of substance use disorder performance and outcome measures, and review of medical records based on requirements to collect information for quality measurement and reporting, and to review current practice and present summary data to the Medical Director for critical analysis and recommendation.

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- Assist with providing professional consultation to the leadership of SAPC, contract provider administrators, and other County staff and agencies regarding the interpretation of laws, regulations, and standards governing licensing, accreditation, and certification for Medi-Cal, Quality Improvement, Risk Management, and in various acceptable methods of maintaining, improving, or modifying operations.
- Collaborate with external agencies and County partners on projects and studies related to care integration and care coordination, substance use disorder services for special populations such as youth/criminal justice/homeless/co-occurring populations/etc., focused topics such as prescription drug abuse, and other projects related to the delivery of substance use disorder services.
- Conduct research on the latest findings from studies and prepares reports to management recommending adoption of evidence-based and best practices for promoting good health practices and controlling/preventing the spread of illness and injuries in the context of community-based SUD care. Develop strategies to implement processes informed by findings from research reports.
- Assist with reviewing and analyzing pending legislation related to alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery, as well as individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.
- Advise and perform reviews and critical analyses of adverse incidents, client safety net reports, and assess for appropriateness and thoroughness of care provided within the system of care based on departmental policies, clinical care standards, laws and regulations, and recommend methods of achieving compliance and improving client care.
- Follow established policies and procedures within their scope of practice. Conduct self-assessment of performance and identifies own learning needs. Comply with licensing and accreditation standards and other regulatory requirements. Interpret and support standards and requirements to others, and complete other assignments, as assigned.

Los Angeles County offers its employees a comprehensive and competitive benefits package. Starting salary for the position is dependent on qualifications, specialty, and salary history.

For more information about these positions, please contact gtsai@ph.lacounty.gov.

To apply

Submit a cover letter and resume to the address below AND fill out the Physician Specialist (Various Specialties) application at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty/jobs/1216849/physician-specialist-non-megaflex-various-specialties>

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Note that the online application is for physicians filling various positions in the Department but does not include information specific to this position.

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